

## The Hunger Games, directed by Gary Ross (2012) (notes)

**GENRE:** Adventure | Sci-Fi | Thriller

**CHARACTERS** ⇒ •Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen

- Josh Hutcherson as Peeta Mellark
- Liam Hemsworth as Gale Hawthorne
- Woody Harrelson as Haymitch Abernathy
- Elizabeth Banks as Effie Trinket
- Lenny Kravitz as Cinna
- Stanley Tucci as Caesar Flickerman
- Donald Sutherland as President Coriolanus Snow
- Wes Bentley as Seneca Crane
- Toby Jones as Claudius Templesmith
- Alexander Ludwig as Cato
- Amandla Stenberg as Rue
- Isabelle Fuhrman as Clove
- Jack Quaid as Marvel
- Leven Rambin as Glimmer
- Dayo Okeniyi as Thresh
- Jacqueline Emerson as Foxface
- Paula Malcomson as Mrs. Everdeen
- Willow Shields as Primrose Everdeen

**TAGLINE:** The World Will Be Watching

May the Odds be Ever in your Favor

The Games Will Change Everyone

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**SETTING:** The nation of Panem, formed from a post-apocalyptic North America, a country consisting of a wealthy Capitol region surrounded by 12 poorer districts; dystopian future

**Plot Summary:** In a dystopian future, the totalitarian nation of Panem is divided between 12 districts and the Capitol. Each year two young representatives from each district are selected by lottery to

participate in The Hunger Games. Part entertainment, part brutal retribution for a past rebellion, the televised games are broadcast throughout Panem. The 24 participants are forced to eliminate their competitors while the citizens of Panem are required to watch. When 16-year-old Katniss's young sister, Prim, is selected as District 12's female representative, Katniss volunteers to take her place. She and her male counterpart Peeta, are pitted against bigger, stronger representatives, some of whom have trained for this their whole lives. **Written by Suzanne Collins**

Set in a future North America known as "Panem", the Capitol selects a boy and a girl between the ages of 12 and 18 from each of the twelve outlying districts to compete in the annual "Hunger Games", a televised fight-to-the-death. The film is centered around Katniss Everdeen - a 16-year-old girl from District 12, who volunteers for her 12-year-old sister, Prim, when Prim's name is chosen - and Katniss's fellow District 12 tribute, Peeta Mellark, whom she has some rather dramatic history with. Katniss is then rushed to the Capitol, where she undergoes intense training, before being thrust into the arena to fight to become the victor of the seventy-fourth annual Hunger Games. **- Written by fallgeek**

In order to control future rebellions remembering the past rebellion, the Powers That Be of the dystopian society of Panem force two youngsters from each of the twelve districts to participate in The Hunger Games. The rules are very simple: the twenty-four players must kill each other and survive in the wilderness until only one wins by surviving. The games are broadcast through the Capital and the twelve districts to entertain and intimidate the population. In District 12, the teenager Katniss Everdeen is a great hunter and archer. When her younger sister Primrose Everdeen is selected as one of the representatives of their district, Katniss volunteers to take her place in the games. Together with Peeta Mellark, they head by train to the Capital to be trained for the brutal game. **- Written by Claudio Carvalho, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

**SYNOPSIS:** The nation of Panem, formed from a post-apocalyptic North America, is a country that consists of a wealthy Capitol region surrounded by 12 poorer districts. Early in its history, a rebellion led by a 13th district against the Capitol resulted in its destruction and the creation of an annual televised event known as the Hunger Games. In punishment, and as a reminder of the power and grace of the Capitol, each district must yield one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and 18 through a lottery system to participate in the games. The 'tributes' are chosen during the annual Reaping and are forced to fight to the death, leaving only one survivor to claim victory.

Katniss Everdeen is a 16 year-old girl from District 12, a coal-mining region and the poorest of the districts. This year is the 74th Hunger Games and during the Reaping, Katniss' younger sister, Primrose is chosen as a tribute. Refusing to let her sister be taken, Katniss volunteers herself instead, becoming District 12's female tribute. The male tribute chosen is a baker's son named Peeta Mellark who is later seen during a flashback giving bread to Katniss to prevent her family from starving.

Despite the threat of the games, Katniss dreams of making a new life for herself and her family 'outside the fence' with her friend, Gale Hawthorne (Liam Hemsworth). She tells him that she never wants children and, despite her dreams, is realistic in knowing that if she and Gale tried to leave they would be caught. Before she leaves, Katniss comforts her mother and tells her to stay strong for Primrose.

Katniss and Peeta are taken from their district by the gaudily dressed Effie Trinket and travel to the Capitol. En route, they are fed rich food and treats but are disgusted by the amount of luxuries given to them and the occupants of the train while their families starve at home. They are introduced to their 'mentor' and a former winner of the Hunger Games, Haymitch Abernathy who appears to be a pessimistic alcoholic. Haymitch grabs a drink and food before leaving their train car. Katniss and Peeta later reunite with Haymitch in another car and he tells them that the key to survival is ensuring they are well liked by the public so that they may get sponsored. By having sponsors they will have more access to survival tools such as matches, knives, or even water and medicine.

When they arrive in the gleaming city of the Capitol, the train is greeted by a cheering crowd. Peeta waves to the residents but Katniss refuses to show herself. Haymitch warns her that she better hold on to her knife and that Peeta actually knows what he is doing by feeding the crowd. Katniss meets her stylist, Cinna, who tells her that, as tributes, they need to make an impression on the audience so they're remembered, especially by the sponsors. Cinna proclaims that someone as brave as Katniss should have a great costume for the Gala Entry Parade in which each pair of tributes wears an outfit reflecting their district's trade. Katniss and Peeta wear black costumes with actual fire emanating from them to

symbolize the coal-mining district they reside from. As Cinna hoped, they make a great impression on the audience. Peeta takes Katniss' hand and raises it into the air during the parade for more effect. After the parade the pair go to their penthouse.

The tributes undergo basic weaponry and combat training including the use of knives, swords, and bows. In spite of this training their trainer stresses that survival skills should not be underestimated as exposure and infection can kill just as effectively as any sword. One tribute named Cato is hot-headed and imposing, proving to be a possibly serious threat. Later, over a meal, Haymitch tells Peeta and Katniss about the Careers district from which Cato comes from. All of the possible tributes train until they're 18 before openly volunteering to participate in the Hunger Games. Haymitch warns them that they win almost every year due to that fact before asking about Katniss' bow and arrow skills. Katniss refocuses on Peeta, describing his impressive strength, but he rebuffs her compliments and confesses that his own mother thought Katniss to be the superior tribute.

When Peeta is bullied by the other tributes during training, Katniss suggests he show off his strength by throwing a large weight across the room. Peeta manages to perform the feat successfully and gains a small amount of respect from the tributes. Later, in succession, each tribute is instructed to show off to the game makers and sponsors, including Seneca Crane. When it's Katniss' turn, she decides to show off her archery skills. However, she misses her first shot badly and loses what little attention she already had. Despite her perfect second shot, she doesn't regain their respect. Angered by the sponsors' attitude towards her, Katniss fires an arrow straight through an apple in a roasted pig's mouth, right in front of the stunned sponsors. Katniss sarcastically thanks them for their consideration and leaves. The tributes' scores are then displayed on a television screen, ranking from 0 to 12. Many tributes achieve high scores of 9 to 10, including the Careers Cato and his partner Clove. Peeta receives an 8 while Katniss scores an 11, the highest of all the tributes.

The President of the Capitol, Snow addresses Seneca and tells him that the Hunger Games is about giving the districts hope but that too much hope can actually be dangerous. During another meal, Haymitch tells Katniss about Peeta's decision to go without his help because of the fact that there can only be one winner.

On the extravagant Hunger Games TV chat show, each tribute is introduced individually and interviewed by the flamboyant host, Caesar Flickerman. Katniss elicits laughs from the audience during the interview and impresses them by showing off her dress which displays real fire as she twirls. Caesar gives her the nickname 'girl on fire'. During his interview, Peeta eats the audience up, garnering some laughs himself. It is then that he announces his crush on Katniss, something which angers her intensely. Backstage Katniss pins Peeta to the wall, demanding answers for his behavior. Haymitch separates the two and explains that he could sell the pair as star-crossed lovers which might gain them sponsorship support during the games.

Just before the games, Haymitch warns Katniss to avoid the bloodbath at the beginning by heading to the high ground in search of water despite having to leave her bow and arrow behind. The tributes are all injected with a tracking device in their arms as they travel via helicopter to the outdoor arena. The tributes are then taken underground where they report to certain checkpoints before being loaded onto platforms that deliver them to the ground level of the arena. Before she is hoisted up, Katniss says farewell to Cinna who has seen her off. He tells her that, if he was allowed to bet, he would be on her winning. Then she, along with the other tributes, are raised into the arena and a countdown to the Hunger Games begins. As the horn sounds, the tributes rush towards the center cornucopia full of weapons and backpacks, brutally attacking and killing each other in the process. Katniss manages to grab a pack and barely escapes Clove, who embeds a knife in her backpack. Once at a safe distance, Katniss finds a rope, an empty canteen, and a coat inside the backpack. She takes Haymitch's advice and locates water in a nearby stream before she ties herself high up in a tree for the night and attempts to get some sleep. Loud bangs from a cannon indicate the deaths of tributes and we learn that thirteen were killed within the first 8 hours.

During the games, Caesar keeps the public up to date with the happenings and announces that an alliance has formed. Katniss witnesses from her tree perch that Peeta has joined with a group of Careers during the night with the intent on leading them to her. While exploring the next day, Katniss gets too close to the outer regions of the arena. The game controllers decide to start a forest fire to lure her further in to the center. She barely manages to escape but does receive a nasty burn on her thigh, causing her to

limp. She is then spotted by Cato and 4 other tributes, including Clove and Glimmer who have banded together. We learn that, apparently, the Careers come, collectively, from Districts 1, 2, and 4 who are trained illegally before volunteering to fight; this group of 4 from two districts chases Katniss who eventually escapes by climbing a tree. Cato attempts to follow her up but is unsuccessful. Peeta suggests that the group wait for Katniss to eventually come down for food and water.

The group settles for the night beneath the tree and Katniss ties herself to the tree to sleep. She is woken later that night by a parachute containing much needed medicine for her leg wound, sent by Haymitch. She applies the medicine to her burns and they disappear as if nothing happened. Her attention is then caught by a young 12 year old girl in an adjacent tree named Rue from District 11. Rue, however, is friendly to Katniss and points out a large trackerjacker nest just above Katniss and dangling over the Career group below. We learn that trackerjackers are genetically engineering wasps whose stings are highly venomous and can cause powerful hallucinations. With enough stings, they can even kill. Katniss climbs up the tree towards the nest and begins sawing at the branch holding it up. The trackerjackers become irritated and start stinging her but, eventually, the branch snaps and the nest falls to the ground, exploding in a wave of wasps. The Careers group flees but Glimmer is stung too many times and succumbs to the venom.

Katniss manages to climb down the tree and manages to grab a bow and arrows. As she begins to hallucinate, she sees Peeta approach her and seemingly yell at her to run. Regaining some sense, Katniss escapes but eventually collapses. After a night of hallucinations and nightmares, some involving her father, Katniss awakens beneath a tree trunk with leave bandages covering her stings. Unclear as to who exactly helped her, Katniss stumbles around, thinking it must have been Peeta. Rue appears and tells her that she was out cold for 2 days and that she's been the one taking care of her. The two girls decide to team up and go on the offensive. They form a plan to destroy a mountain of food and supplies located in the starting meadow that the Career group is guarding. Rue is to start small fires to distract the remaining Careers while Katniss detonates the booby-trapped mines surrounding the mound. They agree to use mockingjays, birds that mimic any tune, to signal to each other. The plan works. The Careers become distracted by the smoke of the fires while one tribute, a boy from District 3, remains at the cornucopia, standing guard. Katniss then notices a female tribute unseen by the others. Foxface from District 5 sprints towards the pyramid of food and supplies, unnoticed by the guard. She picks her way through the mines, steals a backpack, and makes it back into the forest with great cunning.

Katniss then shoots at a bag of apples on top of the pile which causes them to cascade down and detonate the mines. The pyramid explodes, sending food and supplies everywhere. Katniss watches, triumphant, as the Career group rushes back to the clearing. Infuriated, Cato demands to know how such a thing could have happened. The guard tribute from District 3 is equally confused but Cato's anger makes him murderous and he snaps the boy's neck. Katniss leaves, disturbed by Cato's ease to kill. She uses the bird call system to find Rue but receives no response until she hears a scared voice calling to her. Katniss finds Rue trapped under a net and releases her just before they're attacked by Marvel, a tribute from District 1. Marvel throws a spear but Katniss dodges the attack and shoots an arrow into his chest, killing him. However, when she turns to Rue, she sees that Marvel's spear has gone through her chest. Distraught, Katniss tries to calm Rue and sings to her peacefully as Rue dies. Katniss then gathers flowers from the forest and spreads them over Rue before her body taken back to her district via hovercraft.

Meanwhile, Rue's father is horrified and angered by his daughter's death and starts a riot. His district follows his rebellious example and they destroy the stage showing the games. As Katniss makes a peace gesture to the camera, the 'Peace Keepers' of District 11 arrive and shoot Rue's father dead. President Snow is enraged by the rebellion in District 11 and wants to change the game's rules and circumstances to ensure that Katniss is killed. Haymitch pleads with Seneca to keep Katniss alive, issuing a ploy of teen romance as a main reason. Seneca then announces that the rules of the game have been changed; two winners instead of just one will be allotted so long as they belong to the same district. With this knowledge, and having just overheard the remaining Careers mention leaving Peeta for dead by the river, Katniss sets out in search of him. She finds a trail of blood near the river and follows it to where Peeta has camouflaged himself in the rocks. Katniss helps move him to a nearby cave where they are well hidden.

Katniss attempts to heal Peeta's sword wound but realizes he has blood poisoning, something that can

only be cured with a special medicine. Katniss despairs as there could be no way Haymitch could send some since it would be too expensive at this point. However, as if by magic, an announcement rings out that there will be a feast at the cornucopia for all the tributes but, instead of food, there will be something each tribute desperately needs. Peeta begs Katniss not to leave him and risk her life trying to save him. He asks her to stay and Katniss reluctantly agrees, though she knows there may very well be medicine at the cornucopia that could save his life. The two share a brief kiss, partly as a way to gain more sponsors. However, this hits a nerve with Gale watching back home who is clearly smitten with Katniss. Katniss waits until Peeta has fallen asleep before leaving for the cornucopia.

When she arrives, she sees Foxface sprinting towards the supplies, surprising the other tributes with her speed and escaping without much incident. Katniss decides to mimic Foxface's moves and sprints out to grab the medicine but is thrown off guard when she is hit with a knife launched by Clove. The two wrestle and fight before Clove manages to get the upper hand and presses a knife to Katniss' throat. She teases her with bloodlust and mocks her for teaming up with the 'little monster from District 11'; Rue. Before Clove can slit Katniss' throat, she is lifted by Thresh (Dayo Okeniyi), the male tribute from District 11, and thrown against the cornucopia wall. He proceeds to beat her to death against the wall despite her cries for Cato. Thresh tells Katniss that she gets this one chance since she helped Rue but, after this, everything is fair game. Katniss escapes.

She returns to the cave with the medicine and administers it to Peeta and herself, healing their wounds. In a more genuine romantic moment, the two fall asleep in each other's arms. The next day, they split up to find food. During her hunt, Katniss hears a cannon signaling another tribute death. Panicked, she runs back to where she last saw Peeta. She finds him near a berry bush, standing bewildered with a handful of berries near the corpse of Foxface, also with berries in her hand. In a mix of anger and relief, Katniss slaps Peeta, telling him that the berries are Nightlock and extremely poisonous. The pair wonder if Cato would ever fall for the same trap that Foxface did before they notice that the sun is going down at mid-day. Unsure of what's to happen, they freeze and ready themselves for an impending attack.

In the distance, Thresh cries out followed by the sound of the cannon, signaling his death. They pause for a moment before a giant mutated dog leaps out at them, vicious and the size of a polar bear but with much more speed and agility. Katniss and Peeta sprint through the forest as two more of the dogs begin to pursue them. They are chased to the cornucopia where Peeta helps Katniss climb on top of it, barely making it up himself. They sit back in relief thinking the dogs will kill the last survivor, Cato, and they will be crowned the victors. Cato, however, is also on top of the cornucopia and attacks Katniss, attempting to throw her to the dogs. The three fight each other and Cato grabs Katniss by the throat, holding her near the edge of the structure before Peeta manages to fight him off her. Cato gets the upper hand and gets Peeta in a choke hold to either break his neck, as seen before, or throw him to the mutant dogs.

Katniss unsheathes an arrow and points it at him, uncertain whether to shoot or not. Cato, dripping blood, laughs sadistically, telling her that he knows what the games are about now. The tributes aren't just entertainment; they're all weapons designed to make the spectacle of death as painful and unnecessary as possible. Peeta, who is still being choked, appears to try and tell Katniss something while Cato talks. Cato asks if she shoots him, then her 'lover boy' goes down with him. Katniss shoots his hand, forcing him to let go of Peeta. Peeta then pushes Cato off the edge to be mauled by the dogs. Katniss and Peeta watch a moment as Cato is savagely attacked before Katniss shoots an arrow into him, ending his misery. The last cannon goes off and Katniss and Peeta realize they've won the Hunger Games. They embrace and wait for a helicopter to come take them home.

No helicopter comes. An announcement then states that the rules which allowed two winners has been revoked, meaning only one shall remain. Peeta begs Katniss to kill him so that she may win but she takes out her hand and holds out some Nightlock berries. She takes some for herself and gives the rest to Peeta, hinting that she'd rather the Capitol have no winners instead of one. Before they can commit suicide, a speaker pleads them to stop and announces that they have both won. They are brought back to the Capitol where Haymitch tells them how foolish they are to have defied the Capitol like that and instructs them to play up the star-crossed couple routine at their final interview. They oblige but Haymitch relents that it will never be enough for the Capitol.

We see Seneca Crane being led into a finely polished room. The door is locked behind him while a goblet is set on a pedestal in front of him, containing Nightlock. Although we do not see it, we are led to

believe that he is forced to commit suicide.

Peeta and Katniss travel back in District 12 by train. Although they are met with a hero's welcome, Haymitch warns Katniss that she is now a political enemy after such a public defiance against the society's leaders. They are greeted by a crowd of cheering residents including Primrose, Katniss' mother, and Gale. Peeta takes Katniss' hand and holds it up in the air.

President Snow watches the District 12 welcome from the Capitol. Walking away, he wonders what to do about the two victors and the feelings of rebellion they may have created in the Districts.

**QUOTES: President Snow: Hope. It is the only thing stronger than fear.**

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**Katniss Everdeen: May the odds be ever in your favor.**

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**Caesar Flickerman: So Peeta. Tell me. Is there a special girl back home?**

**Peeta Mellark: No. No, not really.**

**Caesar Flickerman: No? I don't believe it for a second, look at that face! Handsome man like you! Peeta. Tell me.**

**Peeta Mellark: Well, there, uh. There is this one girl that I've had a crush on forever. But I don't think she actually recognized me until the Reaping.**

**Caesar Flickerman: Well, I'll tell you what Peeta. You go out there, and you win this thing, and when you get home she'll have to go out with you!**

**Peeta Mellark: Thanks, but I, uh. I don't think winning's gonna help me at all.**

**Caesar Flickerman: And why not?**

**Peeta Mellark: Because... she came here with me.**

**Peeta Mellark: So what happens when we get back?**

**Katniss Everdeen: I don't know. I guess we try to forget.**

**Peeta Mellark: I don't wanna forget.**

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**Peeta Mellark: I'll take the bow.**

**[Katniss looks at him]**

**Peeta Mellark: I'm just kidding!**

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**Katniss Everdeen: Listen them.**

**Peeta Mellark: Yeah... I just don't want them change me.**

**Katniss Everdeen: How will they change you?**

**Peeta Mellark: I don't know. Turn me into something I'm not. I just don't want to be another piece in their game, you know?**

**Katniss Everdeen: You mean you won't kill anyone?**

**Peeta Mellark: No... I mean, I'm sure I would just like anyone else when the time came but I just keep wishing I could think of a way to show them, that they don't own me. If I'm gonna die, I wanna still be me. Does that make any sense?**

**Katniss Everdeen: Yeah... I just can't afford to think like that. I have my sister...**

**Peeta Mellark: Yeah, I know.**

**[looks at each other]**

**Peeta Mellark: Guess I'll see you tomorrow.**

**Katniss Everdeen: See you tomorrow.**

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**Katniss Everdeen: I volunteer! No! I volunteer! I volunteer as tribute!**

**Effie Trinket: [pause] Well, I do believe we have a volunteer.**

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**Katniss Everdeen: What the hell was that? You don't talk to me and then you say you have a crush on me! You say you want to train alone? Is this how you want to play? Let's start right now!**

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**Gale Hawthorne: What if they did? Just one year. What if everyone just stopped watching?**

**Katniss Everdeen: They won't, Gale.**

**Gale Hawthorne: What if they did? What if we did.**

**Katniss Everdeen:** Won't happen.

**Gale Hawthorne:** Root for your favorite, cry when they get killed. It's sick.

**Katniss Everdeen:** Gale.

**Gale Hawthorne:** No one watches and they don't have a game. It's as simple as that... what?

**Katniss Everdeen:** Nothing.

**Gale Hawthorne:** Fine. Laugh at me.

**Katniss Everdeen:** I'm not laughing at you!

[starts smiling]

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**Katniss Everdeen:** Wanna see what I got you today? It's a mockingjay pin. Unless you have it, nothing bad will happen to you, okay? I promise.

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**Cato:** Go on! Shoot, and we both go down and you win. Go on. I'm dead anyway. I always was, right? I couldn't tell that until now. How's that, is that what they want? I can still do this... I can still do this. One more kill. It's the only thing I know how to do, bringing pride to my district. Not that it matters.

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**Cinna:** [When putting Katniss's jacket on, finds out about her pin. Looks up at her and puts his index finger to his lips]

**Katniss Everdeen:** Thank you.

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**Haymitch Abernathy:** I think I can sell the star-crossed lovers.

[referring to Katniss and Peeta]

**Katniss Everdeen:** We are not star-crossed lovers!

**Haymitch Abernathy:** It's a television show!

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**Haymitch Abernathy:** Nice shooting, sweetheart! What did they do when you shot the apple?

**Katniss Everdeen:** Well, they looked pretty startled.

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**Peeta Mellark:** She saved my life.

**Katniss Everdeen:** We saved each other.

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**President Snow:** Seneca... why do you think we have a winner?

**Seneca Crane:** [frowns] What do you mean?

**President Snow:** I mean, why do we have a winner? I mean, if we just wanted to intimidate the districts, why not round up twenty-four at random and execute them all at one? It would be a lot faster.

[Seneca just stares, confused]

**President Snow:** Hope.

**Seneca Crane:** Hope?

**President Snow:** Hope. It is the only thing stronger than fear. A little hope is effective. A lot of hope is dangerous. Spark is fine, as long as it's contained.

**Seneca Crane:** So...?

**President Snow:** So, contain it.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** [bows] Thank you for your consideration.

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**Peeta Mellark:** Together?

**Katniss Everdeen:** Together.

**Peeta Mellark:** One.

**Katniss Everdeen: Two.**  
**Peeta Mellark: Three.**

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**Katniss Everdeen: It's ok. You're ok. You're ok. You're ok.**

**Rue: ...Did you blow up the food?**

**Katniss Everdeen: Every bit of it.**

**Rue: ...Good... You have to win... Can you sing?**

**Katniss Everdeen: Ok.**

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**Gale Hawthorne: We could do it you know. Take off, live in the woods.**

**Katniss Everdeen: They'd catch us.**

**Gale Hawthorne: Maybe not.**

**Katniss Everdeen: They'd cut out our tongues or worse. We wouldn't make it 5 miles.**

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**Thresh: Did you kill her?**

**Clove: No! No!**

**Thresh: I heard you!**

**Clove: No! CATO! CATO!**

**Thresh: You said her name!**

**[bashes Cloves head against the Cornucopia, killing her. Thresh then turns to Katniss and points to her]**

**Thresh: Just this time Twelve. For Rue!**

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**Gale Hawthorne: They just want a good show, that's all they want.**

**Katniss Everdeen: There's 24 of us Gale, only one comes out.**

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**Katniss Everdeen: [stabs knife on table]**

**Effie Trinket: Hey! That is mahogany!**

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**Katniss Everdeen: Your medicine.**

**Peeta Mellark: You can't go alone!**

**Katniss Everdeen: Well, you need it and you can't walk.**

**Peeta Mellark: Katniss, you're not gonna risk your life for me. I'm not gonna let you.**

**Katniss Everdeen: You would do it for me! Wouldn't you?**

**Peeta Mellark: Why are you doing this?**

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**Katniss Everdeen: You too?**

**Peeta Mellark: Oh, hey.**

**Katniss Everdeen: Can't sleep?**

**Peeta Mellark: No, course not.**

**Katniss Everdeen: I'm sorry I went after you.**

**Peeta Mellark: You know, I meant that as a compliment.**

**Katniss Everdeen: I know.**

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**Peeta Mellark: Hey, Katniss. Shoot straight.**

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**Katniss Everdeen: Peeta! Peeta!**

**Peeta Mellark: Are you okay?**

**Katniss Everdeen: I heard the cannon... that's nightlock, Peeta! You'll be dead in a minute!**

**Peeta Mellark: I didn't know.**

**Katniss Everdeen: You scared me to death! Damn you!**

**[hugs him]**

**Peeta Mellark: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.**

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**Katniss Everdeen:** It's okay, Prim.  
**Primrose Everdeen:** No! No!

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**Cinna:** I'm not allowed to bet, but if I could, I'd bet on you  
**Katniss Everdeen:** Thank you.

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**Haymitch Abernathy:** [to Effie] Loosen your corset and have a drink.

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**Haymitch Abernathy:** [to Katniss] That's a beautiful dress.  
[to Effie]

**Haymitch Abernathy:** Not yours.

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**Rue:** So is all of it true?

**Katniss Everdeen:** What?

**Rue:** About you and him?

**Katniss Everdeen:** ...So where are Cato and the others?

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**Peeta Mellark:** I remember the first time I saw you. Your hair was in two braids instead of one. I remember when you sang in the music assembly and the teacher said "who knows the valley song" and your hand shot straight up. After that, I watched you going home everyday. Everyday. Well... say something.

**Katniss Everdeen:** I'm not good at saying something.

**Peeta Mellark:** Then come here. Please?

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**Peeta Mellark:** Now there's no way I'll let you go.

**Katniss Everdeen:** Peeta...

**Peeta Mellark:** Please. Stay.

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**Haymitch Abernathy:** Loosen your corset and have a drink.

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**Peeta Mellark:** I think about that all the time. How I tossed you that bread.

**Katniss Everdeen:** Peeta...

**Peeta Mellark:** I should have gone to you. I should have just gone out into the rain...

**Katniss Everdeen:** Shh.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** Peeta, I got it! I got the medicine!

**Peeta Mellark:** What happened to you?

**Katniss Everdeen:** I'm fine.

**Peeta Mellark:** No, you're not. What happened?

**Katniss Everdeen:** The girl from 2, she threw a knife. I'm okay.

**Peeta Mellark:** You shouldn't have gone! You said you weren't going to go!

**Katniss Everdeen:** You got worse.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** We could go home. We could. We're the only team left.

**Peeta Mellark:** We could go home.

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**Haymitch Abernathy:** Look at you! You just killed... a place mat!

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**Katniss Everdeen:** Maybe Cato likes berries.

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**Peeta Mellark:** They have to have their victor.

**Katniss Everdeen:** No. They don't. Why should they?

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**Katniss Everdeen:** Trust me.

**President Snow:** What a lovely pin.

**Katniss Everdeen:** Thank you. It's from my district.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** What was it?

**Peeta Mellark:** A sword. It's bad, huh?

**Katniss Everdeen:** It's gonna be fine.

[Katniss tries to tend to his wound]

**Peeta Mellark:** Katniss.

[Katniss doesn't reply and just tends to his wound]

**Peeta Mellark:** Katniss.

**Katniss Everdeen:** No! I'm not gonna leave you. I'm not gonna do that.

**Peeta Mellark:** Why not?

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**Katniss Everdeen:** [to the cat] I'll still cook you.

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**Cinna:** It's not real fire, these suits are built so you don't feel a thing.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** [to Haymitch] Peeta's strong.

**Peeta Mellark:** What?

**Katniss Everdeen:** He can throw a hundred pound sack of flour straight over his head; I've seen it.

**Peeta Mellark:** Okay, well I'm not gonna kill anyone with a sack of flour.

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**Cinna:** Are you ready? Don't be afraid.

**Katniss Everdeen:** I'm not afraid.

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**Glimmer:** [after Cato falls from the tree while chasing Katniss] I'll do it myself.

[she shoots an arrow and misses]

**Katniss Everdeen:** Why don't you throw the sword?

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**Peeta Mellark:** You definitely smell better than I do.

**Caesar Flickerman:** Well, I've lived here longer.

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**Fox Face:** I will always analyze the situation and apply myself.

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**Peeta Mellark:** Run, Katniss! Go! Get out of here! Go! What are you going? GO!

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**Cato:** Go on. Shoot. Then we both go down and you win. Go on! I'm dead anyway - I always was, right? Tell that to them! How's that, is that what they want? HUH? I could still do this. I could still do this. One. More. Kill. It's the only thing I know how to do and we pride it in my district. Not that it matters...

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**Katniss Everdeen:** Oh my god! Peeta! Peeta!

**Peeta Mellark:** Hi.

**Katniss Everdeen:** Hi.

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**Clove:** Where's lover boy? Oh, I see. You're gonna help him, right? Well, that's sweet. You know, it's too bad you couldn't help your little friend. That little girl. What was her name again? Rue? Well, we killed her and now we're gonna kill you.

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**Effie Trinket:** Manners!

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**Cinna:** Did they explain about trying to get sponsors?

**Katniss Everdeen:** Yeah, but I'm not very good at making friends.

**Cinna:** We'll see.

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**Haymitch Abernathy:** Where's the ice?

**Peeta Mellark:** I don't know.

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**Primrose Everdeen:** Wish I looked like you.

**Katniss Everdeen:** I wish I looked like you, little duck

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**Katniss Everdeen:** We'll just get you some medicine.

**Peeta Mellark:** Katniss, I don't get many parachutes.

**Katniss Everdeen:** We'll figure something out.

**Peeta Mellark:** Like what?

**Katniss Everdeen:** Something.

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**Claudius Templesmith:** Attention tributes, attention! Commencing at sunrise, there will be a feast tomorrow at the Cornucopia. This will be no ordinary occasion. Each of you needs something. Desperately. And we plan to be... generous hosts.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** So, why are you here then?

**Haymitch Abernathy:** For the refreshments.

**Peeta Mellark:** Okay, I think that's enough.

[tries to grab the drink and gets pushed down]

**Haymitch Abernathy:** You made me spill my drink.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** I'm not gonna hurt you.

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**Effie Trinket:** District 12's very first volunteer!

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**Katniss Everdeen:** Prim, you need to get out of here. Go find mom.

**Primrose Everdeen:** No...

**Katniss Everdeen:** Go find mom!

**Primrose Everdeen:** No!

**Katniss Everdeen:** Prim, go find mom right now! I'm so sorry, Prim.

**Primrose Everdeen:** No, no!

**Katniss Everdeen:** Prim, please!

[Gale grabs Prim and pulls her away]

**Primrose Everdeen:** NO!

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**Katniss Everdeen:** What's this?

**Hob Vendor:** That's a mockingjay.

**Katniss Everdeen:** How much?

**Hob Vendor:** You keep it. It's yours.

**Katniss Everdeen:** Thank you.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** How many times is your name in today?

**Gale Hawthorne:** Forty-two. Guess the odds aren't exactly in my favor.

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**Effie Trinket:** What's your name?

**Katniss Everdeen:** Katniss Everdeen.

**Effie Trinket:** Well! I bet my buttons that was your sister, wasn't it?

**Katniss Everdeen:** Yes.

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**Primrose Everdeen:** Just try to win. Maybe you can.

**Katniss Everdeen:** Maybe I can. I am smart, you know.

**Primrose Everdeen:** And you can hunt.

**Katniss Everdeen:** Exactly.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** You can't tune out again.

**Katniss' Mother:** I won't...

**Katniss Everdeen:** No. You can't. Not like when dad died. You're all she has. No matter what you feel, you be there for her, you understand. Don't cry. Don't cry.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** What's that? What's that?

**Flavius:** Oh, we were just saying we might need to hose you down again before we take you to Cinna.

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[to Katniss, about Peeta]

**Haymitch Abernathy:** You better keep this knife. He knows what he's doing.

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**Peeta Mellark:** Have you ever met him? Haymitch? You know, Katniss, he is our mentor. He did win this thing once.

[Katniss ignores him]

**Peeta Mellark:** Look, if you don't want to talk, I understand. I just don't understand what's wrong with getting a little bit of help.

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**Peeta Mellark:** What was that?

**Katniss Everdeen:** That's the finale.

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**Katniss Everdeen:** Hi.

**Peeta Mellark:** Hey.

**Katniss Everdeen:** How did you do that?

**Peeta Mellark:** I, ah, used to take care of the cakes down at the bakery.

**Katniss Everdeen:** Oh.

**Peeta Mellark:** I'll show you. See?

**Katniss Everdeen:** Whoa.

**Peeta Mellark:** Yeah.

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**Effie Trinket:** You are in for a treat!

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**President Snow:** [voice over] War, terrible war. Widows, orphans, a motherless child. This was the uprising that rocked our land. Thirteen districts rebelled against the country that fed them, loved them, protected them. Brother turned on brother until nothing remained. And then came the peace, hard fought, sorely won. A people rose up from the ashes and a new era was born. But freedom has a cost. When the traitors were defeated, we swore as a nation we would never know this treason again. And so it was decreed, that each year, the various districts of Panem would offer up in tribute, one young man and woman, to fight to the death in a pageant of honor, courage and sacrifice. The lone victor, bathed in riches, would serve as a reminder of our generosity and our forgiveness. This is how we remember our past. This is how we safeguard our future.

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**Thresh:** Just this time 12! For Rue.

[Thresh leaves and Katniss quickly grabs the medicine and runs]

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**Marvel:** [Glimmer is mocking the girl they just killed] That's a pretty good impression.

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**President Snow:** Seneca, I like you.

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**Effie Trinket:** Two hundred miles per hour and you can barely feel a thing. I think its one of the wonderful things about this opportunity, that even though you're here and even though its just for a little while, you get to enjoy all this!

**Marvel:** [Sees Katniss in water][Enthusiastically points at her] **Ooh! There she is! There she is!**

**Glimmer:** [while their pack runs toward Katniss] **Mine!**

**Cato:** Not if I can afford it.

**Glimmer:** [Cato falls from the tree he was climbing in an attempt to kill Katniss] **I'll do it myself.**

**Cato:** [On Katniss] Obviously about my age.

**Glimmer:** [Cheering on Cato, who is going to kill Katniss] **Go! You got this Cato!**

**Clove:** Kill her, Cato!

**Marvel:** Go! Go!

**Caesar Flickerman:** [tribute interview] So, Glimmer, are you prepared?

**Glimmer:** Yes, Caesar, I am 'very' prepared.

**Caesar Flickerman:** I like it.

**Katniss Everdeen:** [after Prim's bad dream] It was just a dream. I promise.

**Primrose Everdeen:** But it was me.

**Katniss Everdeen:** I know. I know, but it wasn't. This is your first time, your name's only been in there once. They're not going to pick you.

**Haymitch Abernathy:** They aren't very happy with you.

**Katniss Everdeen:** Why, because I didn't die?

**Katniss Everdeen:** [Peeta falls off a net he climbed] Throw that thing over there.

**Peeta Mellark:** No, Haymitch said we weren't supposed to show our strength.

**Katniss Everdeen:** I don't care, those guys are looking at you like you're a meal.[Indicating Careers]

**Cato:** No! I can still do this... I can still do this! One last kill... bring pride to my district!

**Haymitch Abernathy:** Make sure they remember you.

**Katniss Everdeen:** So you're here to make me look pretty.

**Cinna:** I'm here to help you make an impression.

**President Snow:** And so it was decreed that each year, the various districts of Panem would offer up in tribute, one young man and woman to fight to the death in a pageant of honor, courage and sacrifice.

**Effie Trinket:** Welcome, welcome, welcome! Before we begin, we have a very special film for you, brought to you all the way from the Capitol. The time has come to select one courageous young man and woman for the honor of representing District 12 in the 74th annual HungerGames!

**Effie Trinket:** Our tributes: Peeta Mellark and Katniss Everdeen.

**Caesar Flickerman:** Katniss Everdeen, the girl on fire!

**Caesar Flickerman:** And what did you say to her in the end?

**Katniss Everdeen:** I told her that I would try to win. That I would try to win for her.

**Caesar Flickerman:** Of course you did. And try you will.

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**President Snow: Welcome, and happy Hunger Games.**

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**Haymitch Abernathy: This is the time to show them everything. There'll be a bow, make sure you use it. Peeta, you make sure to show your strength.**

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**Seneca Crane: And we're ready.**

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**Effie Trinket: Happy Hunger Games!**

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**President Snow: Welcome! We salute your courage and your sacrifice and we wish you Happy Hunger Games!**

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**Effie Trinket: I just love that!**

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**Seneca Crane: Everyone likes an underdog!**

**President Snow: I don't.**

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**Peeta Mellark: I have no chance of winning!**

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**Peeta Mellark: My mother said, 'It looks like District 12 may finally have a winner.' But she wasn't talking about me. She was talking about you.**

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**Haymitch Abernathy: You call that a kiss?**

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**Cato: I'm coming for you!**

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**Effie Trinket: May the odds be ever in your favor.**

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**Gale Hawthorne: Okay, listen to me, you're stronger than they are. You are. They just want a good show, that's all they want. You know how to hunt. Show them how good you are.**

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**Katniss Everdeen: You better tuck in that tail, little duck.**

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**Haymitch Abernathy: Embrace the probability of your imminent death, and know in your heart that there's nothing I can do to save you.**

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**Effie Trinket: I hope you noticed we have a serious situation!**

**Haymitch Abernathy: Nice shooting, sweetheart.**

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**Effie Trinket: Welcome! Welcome! Happy Hunger Games and may the odds be ever in your favor! Now, before we begin, we have a very special film brought to you all the way from the Capitol!**

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**Effie Trinket: I don't even think they can have dessert. And you can!**

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**Katniss Everdeen: Take care of them, Gale, whatever you do don't let them starve!**

**MAIN THEMES:** the myth of Theseus; Roman gladiatorial games, reality television; the desensitization of viewers to media coverage of real-life tragedy and war; the evils of authoritarian government; inequality and the class divide; reality TV shows; female power/heroism; government distrust; Christ symbolism; the Bread of Life; technological age/divide between the rulers and the ruled; post-apocalyptic North America; David and Goliath (bows and arrows vs death-dealing hovercrafts); dystopian future; high tech tyranny of a wealthy elite; the New World Order; Big Brotherish nightmare; gigantic marketing campaigns; perversity/voyeurism of the mass media